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REMARKS

The applicant thanks the Examiner for his comments during the teleconference of November 17. During the discussion, removal of the phrase "capable of" was discussed as well as clarifying the biointerface head in Claim 74. The suggestions of the Examiner have been adopted in both cases.

With this amendment, Claim 74 has been amended to recite that the BIH comprises "one or both" a sensor and a compound delivery device. The BIH may thus comprise a sensor, a compound delivery device, or both a sensor and a compound delivery device. Claim 78 has been cancelled, and Claims 79-81 have been amended to depend from Claim 77. Claim 83 has been amended to remove the phrase "capable of." Claim 89 has been amended to replace the reference to "biointerface head" with "mounting structure." Claim 90 has been amended to replace "mounting ring" with "mounting structure." It is respectfully submitted that the 35 U.S.C. Section 112 rejections are overcome with the present amendment.

It is respectfully submitted that McIvor does not show all of the limitations of the claims. For example, no microstructures are present in McIvor. It is respectfully requested that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. Section 102 be withdrawn.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance, and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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